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## EDITORIAL

Hello again.

This year seems to be whizzing by, and the weather is doing its best to warm up. A few cold days still now and again, but generally the feeling is that summer isn't too far away. Walks along the river and around lakes are rewarded by seeing ducklings and goslings with their parents keeping a close eye on them. It really is a lovely time of year.

We have another packed issue for you. The centre pages detail all the classes for this year's Village Show so you have plenty of time to decide which you want to enter. There's also an article giving advice on how to prepare and show your entries to give you the best chance in your classes.

The hunt is on for the Parish Resident of the Year – see page 25 for details of how to nominate someone for the Rose-Stimpson Cup.

The article from Haversham Sailing Club might encourage you to go along and join; and we can be proud of our local farmers taking part in a convoy to Ukraine.

All this, and our usual contributors too.

Enjoy!

Please send your contributions for future issues:

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### OBE FOR HAVERSHAM RESIDENT

Haversham resident, Heidi Travis, was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year's Honours this year for her work in palliative, neurological and bereavement care.

This was in recognition of her work with the Sue Ryder Charity, where she was Chief Executive for 11 of the 14 years she was there.

Sue Ryder significantly expanded its palliative and end of life care, transformed itself into a leading bereavement support provider and reached millions of people across the UK via its brand and influencing campaigns whilst Heidi was Chief Executive.



She steered the organisation through the coronavirus pandemic and launched its ambitious new vision and strategy.

She was both delighted and humbled to have been nominated to receive an OBE and to accept the honour, for herself and her teams.

She said 'the work Sue Ryder does is deeply meaningful and important to those at the end of their lives and to their families. It has been a privilege to be part of that work'.

Heidi has since left the Sue Ryder Charity to join Milton Keynes University Hospital. She has been acting chair since April 2024, having joined the board as a non-executive director in March 2018.

### Open House Lunch

Julia and Ian Cheatham, on behalf of St Mary's Church, are providing an Open House Lunch at the Old Forge, normally on the third Monday of each month. The lunches are for any member of St. Mary's and St Leonard's Churches and residents of Haversham and Little Linford. The Old Forge is located on the High Street next to the Greyhound Pub. Coffee will be available from 10.30am, lunch will be available at approximately 12.30pm and tea and

cake on offer in the afternoon until 3.30pm.

Maureen White on 07889 654906 has kindly agreed to provide transport for those who need help getting to The Old Forge.

The Open House Lunch in June will be on Monday 16th June 2025. The date for July is Monday 21st July 2025. There is no charge for Lunch and you will be warmly welcomed. For further information please call 01908 914318.

### Haversham Jubilee Club

I just wanted to let all our members know that Hilary and I have now finished the accounts for 2024 and have closed the Jubilee Club bank account. After using as much as possible of the balance of funds on our last meeting at Christmas, we were left with a small balance of £34.39 which, as agreed, was donated to Willen Hospice. If anyone would like to see the final accounts, please let me know.

Lesley Gilbert

### Increase in Motorbike and Bicycle Thefts – Stay Alert!

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to inform you about a recent increase in motorbike and bicycle thefts in our area. These thefts have been occurring during both daytime and overnight hours.

As your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), I want to ensure that everyone in our community is aware of the risks and takes simple steps to protect their property.

#### How to Keep Your Motorbike or Bicycle Safe:

##### Always Lock It – Even at Home

Use a high-quality lock, preferably a D-lock or heavy-duty chain, even if you're parking on your driveway or in a garage.

##### Double Up

Use more than one type of lock – this makes it harder and more time-consuming for thieves to target your bike.

##### Anchor It

Secure your bike or motorbike to a solid, immovable object like a ground anchor or sturdy railing.

#### Choose Well-Lit Areas

Park in busy, well-lit locations with CCTV coverage whenever possible.

#### Mark and Register Your Bike

Use a security marking kit and register your bicycle or motorbike with a service like BikeRegister or Datatag. This helps us return recovered items to their rightful owners.

#### Cover Your Motorbike

A simple cover can deter thieves by making it less obvious what make/model is underneath.

#### Be Vigilant, Report Suspicious Activity

If you see anything unusual, please report it immediately by calling 101 or using the police website. In an emergency, always dial 999.

We're working closely with local patrols and community groups to keep our streets safe. If you'd like more tailored advice or have any concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly.

Stay safe and secure,  
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Police, PCSO, Newport Pagnell

[duncan.peerless@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:duncan.peerless@thamesvalley.police.uk)



### HSCC Forthcoming Events:

Car Boot Sale on Sunday  
29th June

Village Show on Saturday  
September 6th

Fireworks Display on  
Saturday November 8th

Christmas Bingo at the  
end of November or early  
December

Wreath Making Workshop  
on Friday December 5th

## LOCAL NEWS

### MILTON KEYNES AND DISTRICT DOES NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 1 - 7 JUNE

Dear members and supporters of Neighbourhood Watch across Milton Keynes district

Can you believe it....?



#### It's National Neighbourhood Watch Week 1st - 7th June and it's the 40th Anniversary!

With excellent support from our local Police colleagues we are taking our pop-up shop to eight destinations around the district, four of which we have not visited before.

Oakgrove: Waitrose

Westcroft: Morrisons

Shenley Church End: Sainsbury's

Kingston: Tesco

Olney: Sainsbury's

Rooksley: NEXT Home

Newport Pagnell/Redhouse Park area: Lidl

Bletchley: Tesco

For the venues, dates and times please see

<https://www.mknhwa.org.uk/>

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO COME AND FIND US!

**Nick King**

(NWN, MSA, Thames Valley)



**Haversham Village ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY**  
**Sunday 20th July 2pm-5pm**  
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# HAVERSHAM SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (HSCC)



## Useful Information

The Haversham Social and Community Centre (HSCC) charity was established to maintain and operate the Social and Community Centre, under licence from Milton Keynes City Council, for the benefit of Parish residents.

You can hire the hall for your events, activities, classes and parties.

To help fund the Social and Community Centre, the HSCC also runs a number of community events each year.

## Booking the Social and Community Centre

The Small Hall (approx. 37m<sup>2</sup>) is available between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays during term time only. The Entire Hall (approx. 150m<sup>2</sup>) is available 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays during term time and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at all other times.

Minimum hire period is 1½ hours. Kitchen facilities are available at no charge for light refreshments. There is a charge of £25 per session for full catering use with access to the cooker.

One-off hire rates	Parish Resident	Non-Resident
Entire Hall – per hour	£32.50	£38.00
Small Hall – per hour	£12.00	£15.00
Entire Hall – All Day (Note 1)	£390.00	£456.00
Entire Hall – Children’s Party (Note 2)	£75.00	£95.00

**Note 1: All day is 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. – non-school days only**

**Note 2: 4 hours ending no later than 6.00 p.m.**

**Rates exclude refundable damage deposit – cancellation charges apply**

Regular hire rates	Parish Resident	Non-Resident
Entire Hall – per hour	£12.50	£18.75
Small Hall – per hour	£5.00	£7.50
Entire Hall – All Day (Note 3)	£150.00	£225.00

**Note 3: All day is 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. – non-school days only**

**Minimum 10 sessions per calendar year – cancellation charges apply**

**To enquire or book please e-mail:**

[bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](mailto:bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk)

**For more information on the HSCC, please visit our webpage at**

[www.havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](http://www.havershamsocialcentre.org.uk)

## Regular Activities at the Social and Community Centre

There are a number of regular activities held at the Social and Community Centre, both open and closed groups. If you want to run a regular class or activity, then please contact us to check availability.

If you wish to attend any of the activities listed below, please contact the organiser direct via the details provided:

**St Mary’s Church Youth Group:** every Thursday during term time from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m. Open to school years 5 to 10. For more information contact Amy at [st.marys.youth@outlook.com](mailto:st.marys.youth@outlook.com) or 07415 982901, or just turn up!

**Yoga Class** every Tuesday during term time from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. For more

information contact Louise on 07974 059163

**Sound Bath Meditation Sessions:** Held by Shon on the 2nd Wednesday evening of every month, 7.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m.

For more information and to book, visit <https://www.facebook.com/SoundBathHaversham/events>

**Revival Fellowship:** 2nd Sunday of each month from 11a.m to 2p.m.

For current information and contact details, please visit our website at: [www.revivalfellowship.uk](http://www.revivalfellowship.uk)



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(Haversham resident)

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### – the view from the Chair

As we head towards the middle of 2025 with lighter evenings and better weather (although I expect most gardeners and allotment holders are wishing for a bit of rain), the Parish Council has gone through its busiest time of year as we close out our 2024-2025 year and organise the Annual Parish Meeting. Having been re-elected Chair for 2025-26 at the May Parish Council meeting, I look forward to another year in the role and thank my fellow councillors for their support. As always, a number of activities to update on.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on 7th May, and whilst formally called by myself as Chair of the Parish Council, it is not a Parish Council Meeting, but rather a residents' meeting at which updates are heard from various groups within the community, including the Parish Council. It is also an opportunity for all residents to make comments and ask questions of those attending. Whilst the number of attendees at the meeting was less than last year, it was good to see a number of you coming along.

As well as giving the Parish Council update covering 2024-2025 activity, the plans and challenges for 2025-2026, and a summary of the financials and budget, we wanted to focus the meeting on hearing from a number of local groups and giving you the opportunity to ask questions and give us feedback.

We had officers from Thames Valley Police providing an update on local crime, an excellent presentation on Neighbourhood Watch from the Chair of the MK NHW Association, an entertaining update on Church activity from Rev Adrian Low and a super update from Fiona Viney on the latest from Haversham Social and Community Centre. We also had an update from Cllr Langham on the refresh of the Parish Magazine as well as the latest on the Playground Project from Cllr Cuniffe and the Parish Council Clerk.

The Chair's Annual Report 2024-25, as well as the presentation from Neighbourhood Watch and the annual crime stats from TVP are on our website (Parish Council menu item/ Annual Parish Meeting) <https://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/apm> and the draft minutes from the meeting will be posted there in due course.

#### Wolverton Household Waste Recycling Centre

We await further news on the next steps in respect of the HWRC at Old Wolverton. We anticipate that MKCC will submit a planning application in due course but we have no indication of timescales.

As reported in my last article, MKCC have committed to setting up 'Resident Liaison Groups', but at the time of writing we are still awaiting the details of these. Meanwhile, those residents who have offered to join the group met a few days

ago, along with a representative of the Wolverton Residents Group plus Ward Councillors, to share knowledge and to further discuss the issues and concerns. As things develop, we will keep residents informed of progress via the usual channels.

#### Loss of Call-in Rights

As you may have seen in the press, and on many local Facebook pages including our own, MKCC have now removed the rights of Parish and Town Councils or a group of 20 residents, to call in for further scrutiny any executive decisions that are made by the MKCC Cabinet or Cabinet Members at Delegated Decisions.

Whilst the Parish Council, along with many other Parish and Town Councils from across the City, strongly opposed this change, and having spoken against it at the MKCC Council meeting on 14th May, the decision to remove these rights was formalised by an overwhelming MKCC vote.

Sadly, we were all only given a week's notice of this change and whilst I worked with other local Parish Councils to make the case for the change not to be made, we were ultimately unsuccessful. Despite this, we will collectively use this as an opportunity to maintain our voices by encouraging MKCC to engage with Parishes more effectively and earlier, so they understand issues BEFORE decisions are made to ensure we still have input regarding local matters.

#### Highways and Road Safety

We continue to progress various items related to this topic. We are pleased to report that the closure of the road across Stanton Low to vehicles has now been completed with the locking of the gates and the installation of bollards. That has significantly reduced instances of Anti-Social Behaviour, although there have been occasional reports of ASB on motorbikes, so we have asked TVP to

conduct some additional patrols.

We are still pressing for further works related to the flooding hot-spots of Rowan Drive and Haversham Hill, and wait to see what MKCC are planning here.

The repair works on the river bridge on Wolverton Road have been completed and MKCC are in the process of fixing or replacing a number of streetlamps both on the Wolverton Road and also in Little Linford. We hope this work will be completed over the summer.

The two 'informal crossings' outside the school and along Wolverton Road have been implemented, but we have asked for additional marker posts to be installed to make them more visible to drivers – especially for the one on Wolverton Road. We hope that will be done to encourage drivers to stop and let people cross.

On other road safety matters, MKCC have painted some additional speed roundels on Wolverton Road, both 20mph in the village and 50mph towards Castlethorpe, which will hopefully encourage people to drive within the limit. We await the consultation related to the limit reduction to 30mph on Haversham Hill and also news on the possible reduction from 50mph to 40mph on the Haversham Road into the village. MKCC continue work to design the road safety measures in the old village such as the village gateways, better signage and lining, which will likely be implemented later in the year.

The list is getting shorter, but please don't forget to use the Report It page on the MKCC website:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-and-apply/report-it>

if you see any local maintenance issues.

#### Planning Matters

Little to report in respect of planning,

as we have had no updates on either the MK City Plan 2050 or the HcLL Neighbourhood Plan allocated site over the last couple of months.

As and when we have news, we will update our website at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/city-plan](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/city-plan) and [www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/npsitenews](http://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/npsitenews)

### Playground Project Update

Firstly, thank you to those parents and children who came along to the Playground Exhibition on 18 March. It was great to see the beaming smiles and the excitement on the children's faces as we shared the images of what is planned and we appreciate their help in finalising the last elements of the design.

We are hoping that the installation work will start in June. Please be aware that during the works the part of the Rec where the new equipment is being installed will be fenced off. Access will remain to the rest of the play area. We are all so excited to see this major project for the Parish come to life in the next couple of months!

We are planning an opening event but as dates are not yet fully locked down, we will not know exactly when for a while. We will share details as soon as we have them via Facebook and as many other ways as possible.

One of the elements of the design is a raised grass mound that will be newly turfed as part of the installation. If anyone is able to help with watering this after installation to ensure it thrives, then please can you contact the Clerk.

As the implementation progresses, we will also keep you up to date with the latest at <https://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/playground-project>

### Allotment Open Day

Have you wondered what it would be like

to have an allotment? We do still have a few plots (and half plots) available for rent if you want to give it a go.

Some of the allotment tenants are organising an 'Allotment Open Day on 20 July' so residents can come down and take a look, as well as meet some of the existing tenants for a chat. Refreshments will be provided. There are more details in the magazine.

### Neighbourhood Watch

We continue the work to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch across the parish to improve community safety and reduce crime. We now have four active schemes covering: Manor Drive/The Crescent; Brookfield Road/Beech Tree Close; Keppel Avenue; and Rowan Drive/Chalmers Avenue.

We have now purchased new street signs as well as resident window stickers and crime prevention leaflets. We will be working with scheme co-ordinators in the next few weeks to get those installed and circulated.

We are still looking for scheme co-ordinators for Wolverton Road; the Old Village; and Little Linford so if you are interested in helping to lead a scheme please sign up at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us/start-neighbourhood-watch-scheme-and-become-coordinator](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us/start-neighbourhood-watch-scheme-and-become-coordinator) or contact the Clerk should you need any help or advice. The amount of time required to be a scheme co-ordinator for your street is minimal.

To join one of these schemes, search using your postcode at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw) or scan this QR code



### Other News

**Resident of the Year:** details are elsewhere but we have started the nomination process for the Parish Resident of the Year. The decision on

the recipient will be made by the Parish Council members and the winner will be awarded the Rose-Stimpson Cup at the annual Village Show – we look forward to receiving your nominations.

**Councillor Vacancies:** we still have two Parish Councillor vacancies with no Councillor representation from the Old Village. If you might consider joining the Parish Council team and are interested to find out more, please contact the Clerk.

**Clerk Vacancy:** we are all sad that Maria Manthorpe, the Clerk to the Parish Council and our Responsible Finance Officer, has recently tendered her resignation after three years in the role. For Maria this part-time role was always something she was doing whilst her children were small, and now they will both be at primary school, it is time for her to take the next step in her career. Whilst she will be sorely missed, we do wish her the very best for the future. She will be with us until the end of July and we hope that we will be able to find a replacement in that timescale. Please contact her at [clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk) should you be interested in finding out more about the role and how to apply.

**Community Book Exchange:** many of you may have noticed the somewhat sorry state of the Community Book Exchange in recent weeks. We investigated getting it repaired and reinstalled but that has not proven possible so the carcass will shortly be removed. We are determined to find a new and more robust solution to reinstate this much-loved asset and will be working on that in the coming months, funds permitting.

**Haversham Social and Community Centre:** as the Parish Council's ex-officio Trustee of the Charity, I just wanted to personally thank the three former Trustees who stood down at the AGM this year, Jackie Brown, Holly Sains and Barry

Clift; and welcome new Trustee, Aimee Tidman. This magazine is also the launch point for the Village Show – again details elsewhere. I hope lots of you enter the classes this year and I look forward to my judging role for Best Novice! Please keep supporting the HSCC events and use the Social Centre for your activities and parties, so we can ensure this important Haversham-cum-Little Linford asset is there for many, many years to come.

**Parish Magazine Content:** we have another jam-packed issue and I hope you all enjoy the read. We want to keep the magazine as interesting and useful as possible, and make it your magazine, so please if you do have an article or other content to contribute, send it to our editor at [carol.langham@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:carol.langham@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk) for inclusion in the next or a future issue.

### Contacting Us and Helping Out

As well as this regular article, we use our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HcLLParishCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/HcLLParishCouncil) and website [www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](http://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk) to share news and useful information – so please follow us on Facebook and visit the website regularly.

If you have any issues, suggestions or questions for us, or would like to volunteer to help with one of our initiatives (Community Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch or Litter Picking), then please either message us via Facebook or email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk). We do our best to respond promptly.

I hope that you have found this article informative and I will update you again in two months.

**Cllr Richard Pryor  
Chair**



## Departures and Thanks

We have to start this update by thanking Jackie Brown for her outstanding leadership of the HSCC, as our Chair for a little over 15 years and, prior to that, on the Board of Trustees for several years. When she took over as Chair from Robert Foster at the start of 2010, I suspect she had little idea that her tenure would be for so long, but she has helped to keep the charity going, delivered over 100 events over the years and maintained and looked after the Social Centre premises week in and week out.

Whilst she has most definitely 'done her bit', it is with sadness that we see her leave her role as a Trustee, having chaired her final AGM at the end of April, but we suspect she will not be too far away and we really appreciate that she will continue to support our events, such as this year's Village Show, as we go through this transition.

We must also mention and thank Holly Sains and Barry Clift who have also stepped down as Trustees at this year's AGM and, like Jackie, we show our gratitude for the work they have done as part of the Trustee Board and we are pleased that they are both going to continue to be involved as part of the events team.

## Annual General Meeting Update

This year's AGM was held at the Social Centre on the evening of 28th April, and it was good to see a number of residents there. Jackie's final Chair's report was in the last magazine, so we hope that those of you unable to come to the AGM will have seen that update. At the AGM we shared more detail on the financial position of the charity, which

has improved over the last 12 months, and after some hard work, as well as the implementation of both the accounts and booking system, we are in a much better place in terms of governance and administration, although more work is needed. We also agreed a further update to our constitution to ensure our 'charitable objects' were acceptable to the Charity Commission and focused on our primary aim of providing and maintaining the community building. We await the Commission's confirmation that the updated constitution is now accepted.

The AGM is also the occasion on which we elect our trustees for the year. With a number stepping down, it was great that Aimee Tidman put herself forward for election, alongside existing Trustees Fiona Viney and Louise Reid, all of whom were duly elected by the members. With Richard Pryor continuing as an ex-officio Trustee on behalf of the Parish Council, that leaves us with just four Trustees. Whilst that is above the required minimum of three, we would love to have one or two more on board to help with the governance aspects of the charity and the commercial aspects related to running the Social Centre. If you are interested, please get in touch at:

[contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](mailto:contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk).

Being a charity Trustee is rewarding and also a good thing to have on your CV. We only meet every other month now as well, so the Trustee role is not that onerous.

At our next Trustee meeting in early May, Aimee was elected as our new Chair, with Fiona and Richard continuing their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. As one of our regular users with her Yoga Class, Louise has also offered to take on some of the regular premises checks

we are obliged to do. All four of us will no doubt 'muck in' with the day-to-day management of the premises, taking over the work Jackie performed for so long.

## Events Update

On the events side, as the last magazine was being distributed, we ran our Easter Bingo. This was a well-attended event and a lovely evening was had by all. Thanks to Shula Holt for doing the organising and calling.

Our next event is the Car Boot sale – a new event that we hope will become a regular fixture. For sellers there will be car and table pitches available. It will be on the 29th June from 9am to 12pm with sellers able to arrive and set-up from 8am. We hope to have refreshment available on the day.



You can book a pitch via an online form at <https://forms.office.com/e/Zs1Y3JBjke> or via this QR code:

or alternatively just email [bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](mailto:bookings@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk) and we can sort a booking out for you.

Looking further ahead, our annual Village Show is on 6th September and the details of the classes this year, as well as some hints and tips, are elsewhere in the magazine – so get your thinking caps on for what you will enter!

One of the organisational changes we have made has been to separate the events management from the charity governance, the latter being undertaken by the Trustees. We now have an active Events Team which is supported by our former Trustees, Jackie, Holly and Barry,

plus another long-serving team member, Shula Holt, as well as two recent joiners in Aimee Gibbard and Helen Nagle-Smith. The role of that team is to look at our overall events schedule for the year and drive the marketing and promotion of the events, as well as consider ideas for new events.

Most events also now have their own Working Group made up of some Events Team members with other volunteers who plan out the details and ensure everything is a success on the day. We have done this to enable volunteers to more easily dip in and out of helping with events, as they prefer, thus providing the opportunity for someone to just focus on helping out with one event they really enjoy. So, if you want to get involved with an event such as the Village Show, or help to restart our annual Village Fete, or have something completely new in mind, then please do contact us using:

[contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](mailto:contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk).

It just remains for us to say thank you to the community for your ongoing support of the Charity whether that is by booking the Social Centre for a party, event or activity, by helping organise our events or just by coming along to them and having a fun time! As mentioned in the past we do have plans to improve the Social Centre, with acoustic improvements, Wi-Fi and Audio-Visual Equipment, but this takes time and money, so your support is vital to that aim.

We will be back for our next update in a couple of months!

**Aimee, Fiona  
Louise and Richard  
The HSCC Trustees**

## LOCAL FARMERS DRIVE FOR UKRAINE

Lisa Dunn of Crossroads Farm sent the following article, saying:

My husband, Peter, Haversham farmer, and son in law, Jack, just took part in driving 4x4 vehicles to Lviv in Ukraine as part of a convoy. The hardest part for them was visiting the mass graveyard of 2,500 graves and seeing Lviv come to a halt at 11am to honour the dead coming back from the frontline. This happens every day: all the shops shut and the funeral procession passes followed by bus loads of soldiers coming to honour the dead. Two were being honoured on the day they were there:

On the afternoon of Monday 14th April all 17 of our four wheel drive vehicles arrived in the city of LVIV in western Ukraine, together with our crew of 36 drivers. After 1,500 hard miles of driving across Europe to reach our destination, we were tired but jubilant to have got all the vehicles there in one piece.

This was the culmination of six months' hard work for a group of local farmers and friends aided by the organisation, Driving Ukraine.org.

Each vehicle was loaded up with donations such as generators and medical aid that the Ukrainians are desperate for. After a reception at the Mayor's Offices in Lviv a number of the vehicles were off on their way to the front lines in Eastern Ukraine where they are used by teams of medics involved in saving the lives of wounded soldiers.

The gratitude we received from so many people in Ukraine was truly humbling. It was made clear to us time and time

again, by different people, that these vehicles save lives. Our group of local farmers4Ukraine has now done five trips over the last three years and delivered over 40 vehicles. This brings the number of vehicles delivered by Driving Ukraine.org to over 200.

We cannot thank local people enough for what they have donated in terms of money and aid. All donations have been used 100% for the benefit of Ukraine as we personally fund all our expenses such as fuel, food and accommodation for the trip. The welcome we received from everybody in Ukraine means we realised how important it is that we carry on doing this work. We will, therefore, be organising

another convoy later this year and once again be looking for donations of 4four wheel drive vehicles and money towards them. A huge thank you must be said once again to all those that have contributed.

**Nigel Wellings**

Group Leader

Tel: 07850 611576

*The cars lined up in front of the Mayor's office in Lviv*



*Mayor of Lviv (in black suit) with the team of drivers. Peter is back row on right in blue jumper behind the Mayor and Jack is second from right of picture*



# COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

## WHO ARE WE?

Community Action: MK supports the local voluntary and community sector in Milton Keynes. The organisation helps individuals establish community groups through outreach, supports them to develop and thrive, and gathers local insights to influence positive change.

## GROUP SUPPORT

Community Action: MK offers practical support to local Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) groups. The support we offer includes funding advice, financial management, governance, legal guidance, organisational development, establishing new groups, networking opportunities signposting, training opportunities, and volunteer recruitment. Appointments can be made via email, telephone or online.



## NEW COMMUNITIES & OUTREACH

Community Action: MK engages with residents in new housing developments across Milton Keynes. Through direct outreach, the organisation provides information, supports the formation of community groups and promotes volunteering. It also works closely with local services, schools and councils to ensure residents are aware of available resources.



## SECTORS & NETWORKS

Community Action: MK also help to coordinate the local VCSE by building networks that share knowledge and experience to inform and influence decision-making. We manage and help to develop networks such as the Mental Health Alliance, Refugee Support Network and are currently exploring ways to work jointly or build a local network tackling food insecurity and poverty. Each network meets regularly, shares updates and explores collaborative opportunities. The Voluntary Sector Alliance looks to further unite sector members to promote the role of the VCSE in local decision-making. For more information, contact [networks@communityactionmk.org](mailto:networks@communityactionmk.org).



## VOLUNTEERING

Community Action: MK can help you find the perfect volunteering role to match your interests and availability. Whether you have a few hours a week or just now and then, your time can make a real difference. We connect volunteers with local organisations offering roles in libraries, community cafés, environmental projects, and more. It's easy to get started through our online Volunteer Hub. Scan the QR code to explore opportunities and sign up today! For more information, contact [volunteering@communityactionmk.org](mailto:volunteering@communityactionmk.org).



## MACMILLAN PROJECT

This project, developed from research by Macmillan Cancer Support, focuses on improving access to cancer support for Global Majority and Faith communities in Milton Keynes. By working with local partners, the project aims to ensure fair access to services and to give these communities a voice in shaping cancer care policies. For further details on how to get involved, contact [support@communityactionmk.org](mailto:support@communityactionmk.org).



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## HAVERSHAM AND LITTLE LINFORD VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 6th September 2025

### Schedule of Classes

To help you to prepare for the Village Show, here is a list of the classes you can enter. There are a few changes this year, so please study the schedule carefully.

To encourage new entrants, there is a special award for the 'Best Novice' entry in any class (awarded by the Parish Council).

### AWARDS YOU CAN WIN

Other than the open class, each category has its own award for the most points scored – so the more entries you make in a single category, the better your chances!

As well as 'Best Novice', there are also awards for 'Best Photograph Entered by a Child' (Bill Bedford Trophy); 'Best Entry in the Children's classes' (Pat Brightman Trophy); 'Best Exhibit in Show' (awarded by the HSCC Trustees); 'Best Overall Family' and the 'Overall Show award' for the Parish Resident scoring the most points.

We have one changed and one new award this year:

Entries in the Vegetables, Fruit or Flowers classes grown on the Haversham Allotments will be eligible for 'Best Haversham Allotments Entry' and will receive the Haversham Allotments & Gardens Society award.

Entries from children aged 14-17 years on day of show will be eligible for the new 'Best Entry from Under-18s'.

More details, as well as the Entry Form, will be distributed with the August/September issue of the magazine, plus made available online.

The Haversham and Little Linford Annual Village Show is organised by Haversham Social & Community Centre (registered charity 300276).

Refreshments will be available during the public viewing of exhibits.

All proceeds to Haversham Social & Community Centre.



## LIST OF CLASSES BY CATEGORY

### PHOTOGRAPHY

- Class 1 – A photo on the theme of The Sky at Night  
Class 2 – A local photo on the theme of The Water's Edge  
Class 3 – A photo from a different perspective  
Class 4 – A photo of a cute animal  
Class 5 – A photo on the theme of Travel  
Class 6 – A photo representing diversity  
Class 7 – A photo on the theme of Victory  
Class 8 – A photo of a Celebration  
Class 9 – A photo of Children at Play  
*Unless otherwise specified above, photographs can be any size up to A4, may be colour or black & white and may be mounted on card but not framed.*

### VEGETABLES

- Class 10 – 4 carrots with a minimum of 3" tops  
Class 11 – A plate of 4 runner beans  
Class 12 – A plate of 4 French beans  
Class 13 – A mis-shaped or ugly vegetable  
Class 14 – Group of 3 equal sized white potatoes  
Class 15 – Group of 3 equal sized coloured potatoes  
Class 16 – A plate of 4 tomatoes  
Class 17 – A plate of 4 cherry tomatoes  
Class 18 – 3 beetroots with tops  
Class 19 – Cucumber – indoor grown  
Class 20 – 4 onions (equal size and colour)  
Class 21 – A plate of 6 Shallots  
Class 22 – Heaviest Marrow  
Class 23 – A plate of a single variety of vegetable not listed above with a minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 examples  
Class 24 – A mixed basket of vegetables (1 of each of 6 varieties of Vegetables, parsley garnish allowed, maximum 24"/60cm diameter)  
Class 25 – Salad Bowl (minimum of

4 varieties of salad items, maximum 18"/45cm diameter)  
*Where presenting items on a plate, please use a paper plate*

### FRUIT

- Class 26 – A plate of 4 cooking apples of equal size  
Class 27 – A plate of 4 dessert apples of equal size  
Class 28 – A plate of 3 pears  
Class 29 – A plate of 4 plums  
Class 30 – A plate of a single variety of fruit not listed above with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 examples.  
*Where presenting items on a plate, please use a paper plate*

### FLOWERS

- Class 31 – A single Rose in a vase  
Class 32 – 3 Dahlias in a vase (any variety—mix and match)  
Class 33 – A Pot Plant—foliage or flowering, indoor or outdoor (one pot not to exceed 8"/20cm diameter)  
Class 34 – An arrangement of dried flowers and grasses  
Class 35 – A Jug of garden flowers for the kitchen table.  
Class 36 – A floral arrangement on a Red, White and Blue theme, not to exceed 14"/35cm in diameter. Natural plant material to predominate but a little artificial material allowed  
Class 37 – An arrangement on a sensory theme, not to exceed 14"/35cm in diameter

### DOMESTIC

*\*NB all entries may be recipes of your choosing*

- Class 38 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of any flavour of Jam  
Class 39 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of Marmalade  
Class 40 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of any flavour of Curd

- Class 41 – A 1lb (454gm) jar of Chutney  
Class 42 – An undecorated sponge cake, filling own choice  
Class 43 – A plate of 4 slices of gluten-free brownie  
Class 44 – A savoury pasty, any flavour  
Class 45 – A handmade bread loaf in a shape of your choosing  
Class 46 – A plate of 4 savoury treats made in an air fryer  
Class 47 – A round of shortbread  
Class 48 – A tea loaf  
Class 49 – *open only to novices in the domestic classes #* – A plate of 6 biscuits.  
Class 50 – A homemade fruit-based drink e.g. cordial or liqueur  
# *You cannot have entered any domestic class in a previous year*

### NOTE:

All entries in classes 42 to 49 to be presented cooled and wrapped in clingfilm.

Entries for class 50 to be supplied in a small (no more than 500ml) bottle with secure twist top or kilner-type seal.

### ARTS & CRAFTS

- Class 51 – An embroidery, cross-stitch, tapestry or lace sample  
Class 52 – A hand-made knitted or crocheted garment  
Class 53 – A hand-made Thank You card  
Class 54 – An item of Origami  
Class 55 – An item of homemade jewellery in any material  
Class 56 – Any other item not included in the above classes  
Class 57 – A painting or drawing, any medium  
Class 58 – An item in wood  
Class 59 – A bug hotel made of salvaged materials  
Class 60 – A decorative item for the garden

### OPEN CLASS FOR ALL AGES YOUNG AND OLD

Class 61 – Make a Paper Plane – the winner will be the one whose plane flies furthest!

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

#### Toddler – Under 3 years of age on day of show

- Class 62 – A decorated gingerbread man (does not have to be homemade)  
Class 63 – A fruit or vegetable print picture

#### Junior – 3 or over and under 7 years of age on day of show

- Class 64 – 4 homemade biscuits, decorated  
Class 65 – A sock puppet  
Class 66 – A bracelet or keyring  
Class 67 – A jar of common or garden flowers

#### Middle – 7 or over and under 10 years of age on day of show

- Class 68 – 4 homemade biscuits, decorated  
Class 69 – A collage using pasta or pulses  
Class 70 – An Acrostic poem on the theme of Play  
Class 71 – A puppet of your own design  
Class 72 – A photo on the theme of A Special Day Out

#### Intermediate – 10 or over and under 14 years of age on day of show

- Class 73 – 4 homemade biscuits, decorated  
Class 74 – A selfie photo using a creative filter  
Class 75 – Design a poster electronically on the theme of Peace  
Class 76 – A puppet of your own design  
Class 77 – A photo on the theme of A Special Day Out.

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## ROSE-STIMPSON CUP FOR PARISH RESIDENT OF THE YEAR

Since 2012 the Rose-Stimpson Cup has been awarded by the members of the Parish Council to the 'Parish Resident of the Year' – the person from Haversham-cum-Little Linford who has done the most for the community over the previous twelve months or so. The award is presented at the annual Village Show in early September. The Cup was donated by Gerald and Ena Stimpson (née Rose), former residents of the Parish and Gerald was also a long-standing Parish Councillor. Their daughter still lives in the parish.

Previous recipients have been individuals who have supported various aspects of our community including social activities, clubs and services for the Parish and



*Pamela Williams – 2023 recipient of the Rose-Stimpson Cup*

each and every one of them has been a deserved winner. Last year the Parish Council team were not able to identify someone to receive the cup, partly because the 'rules' preclude awarding the cup to the same person twice, so that is why we decided to award a special award to Ian Burgess and Lesley Gilbert, both previous winners of the cup, in recognition of their long-standing service to our community over many years.

This year we want to do something a bit different and are asking all Parish residents to consider who they would like to nominate to receive the 'Parish Resident of the Year Award'.

Whilst the final decision will remain with the Parish Council, we want to hear from you about people who do great things for the community who we may not hear about – our 'unsung heroes'.

In order that we can make the decision in time for the Village Show, we would ask that nominations are submitted by the end of day on 31st July 2025. The selection remains a secret until the cup is awarded at the Village Show.

To nominate someone please provide the following information:

- The name of your nominee (must be a Parish Resident)
- Why you are nominating them
- Your name
- Your email and/or telephone number should we need to contact you for more information

To find out a bit more and to see the 'Roll of Honour' of previous recipients, please go to [www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/resident-of-the-year](http://www.havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk/resident-of-the-year) where you will also find a link to an online nomination form or use the QR code.



Alternatively, you can just send the required information to [clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk)

# THE 26TH ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW

## Hints and Tips for Success!

It has come around again and we hope many of you have already started thinking about your entries for this year's show. Whether you are an old hand, or thinking about entering for the first time, there is a wide range of classes for you to choose from, for both adults and children. So, why not make it your aim to enter at least one class this year and show us your skills and creativity and have some fun along the way!

To help you on your way, here are some tips on preparation and presentation:

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Is your picture:  
well-constructed?  
well balanced?  
in the right focus?  
reflecting the subject matter effectively?

Photographs can be mounted but not framed.

### VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

All items should be matched for size and colour

Always have the correct number  
Tomatoes should have their stalks attached

Ideally beetroot has its leaves; also carrots

Onions/shallots have their necks tied down neatly.

### FLOWERS

#### Cut Flowers

Choose exhibits that are in good condition, when they are at their most perfect and all parts are fresh and free from damage due to weather, pests, diseases, careless handling, etc.  
In vases of one kind of flower, choose exhibits that are the most uniform, that is,

when they are most alike in age, size and form

Make sure your vase is clean and the right size for the flower/s being exhibited

#### Pot plants

Turn frequently to avoid lopsided growth and water as necessary to make sure the plants are fresh for the show

Pots or containers should be clean and undamaged

The exhibit should be large for the particular type of plant, well-balanced in shape and in good health.

#### Arrangements

Make sure you interpret the title of the class you are entering and use appropriate plant material for that class. Keep within the measurements allowed – the judges do measure!

Condition your plant material thoroughly, i.e. gather foliage 24 hours beforehand and stand foliage and flowers in buckets of cool water in a cool place

Ensure your plant material is in peak condition and there are no damaged leaves or blooms

Stakes, wires etc. are fine as long as they are neat and do not look ugly.

### DOMESTIC PRODUCE

Cookery exhibits are marked on a combination of internal and external standards as follows:

External appearance – colour, shape and uniformity

Internal appearance – texture and the even distribution of ingredients

Flavour – flavour and aroma, as entries must be enjoyable to eat. Flavour is paramount. If entries are neck-and-neck, flavour will dictate a winner

Read the schedule carefully to make

sure that your entry complies in all components, i.e. size, weight, and numbers in each exhibit as appropriate.

#### Preserves

Presentation is important and the judge is looking for clean jars, straight labels, clear contents and dates

There should be no air bubbles or foam within the contents

Jars should be filled to within 1 cm of the top

Avoid sealing your jars with metal lids – use wax circles and cellophane.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

The judge will be looking at the following:

Materials used – are they appropriate for the item, too heavy, too light, etc?

Stitching – colours chosen, is it neat, finished off?

Textures – use of interesting textures and a range of textures will catch the eye of the judge

Colour – is it pleasant to look at? Do the colours, stitches and any embellishments go together?

Finish – the judge will look closely at how your item is finished off – are the stitches neat, the ends sewn in almost invisibly?

Originality – for a self-design item, is it a pleasing and original design?

Attention to detail – this is what will catch the eye of the judge. What is special about your item that makes it a bit more eye-catching than everything else on the table?

### Getting more Help and Final Advice

The internet is awash with ideas and information on all the classes. If you are a bit unsure, why not take a look on YouTube as there are lots of videos with great ideas and clear instructions.

We hope that many of you will enter the show this year, whether you are a regular or this is your first time. We are introducing a new award this year for children aged 14-17 years on day of show whose entries in any of the eligible classes will be considered for the new 'Best Entry from Under-18s' Remember the more entries you make in a category, the better your chances of winning one of the awards, but when all is said and done, it's the taking part that matters; winning is the bonus! More details, as well as the Entry Form, will be distributed with the August/September issue of the magazine, plus made available online.

**We hope you all have fun and see you on 6th September!**



## HAVERSHAM SAILING CLUB

**H**aversham Sailing Club is a vibrant and friendly sailing club located in the village, occupying a beautiful, tranquil site which feels far away from the expansion of Milton Keynes.

The club provides varied sailing opportunities for all its members, regardless of age or ability. For competitive sailors, Sunday club racing regularly attracts a good number of participants throughout the year. Wednesday evening racing runs from April to September and is followed by a social supper.

Regular racers range in age from early teens to mid-70s. Experienced sailors represent the club at regional and national events, at both youth and adult levels.

'Buccaneers' sessions run fortnightly throughout the summer for children aged between 7 and 15. These are very popular. The club also runs a Junior Week in the summer holidays, where children can build their confidence on the water and develop their sailing skills. For our more mature members, the Wednesday afternoon 'Half a Crown' club, provides an opportunity for a gentle sail or a bit of boat bimbly, alongside tea, cake and chat.

The club is keen to engage with the community and encourages newcomers to join the club and discover sailing. On our most recent open day, experienced sailing members took 179 visitors on to the water.

For those new to sailing, we offer RYA accredited Level 1 and 2 training throughout the summer. Those who have completed these courses are encouraged to join the hugely popular 'Improvers' sessions on Tuesday evenings and then to progress their sailing.

If you would like to find out more then please visit our website:  
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Louise Reid	

#### Events Committee

All Trustees plus

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We are always looking for help with our individual event working groups.  
If you have a bit of time to help out, please contact us.

We are setting up a 'Friends of HSCC' WhatsApp group to keep residents informed of events and any calls for help. Please email your mobile number to [contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk](mailto:contact@havershamsocialcentre.org.uk) to be added.

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### PARISH CLERK

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### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings usually take place at 7.30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Haversham Social and Community Centre. The meetings are open to the public.

The next meetings are:

16th June 2025

21st July 2025

Parish Council meeting agendas are published online and on the parish notice boards the week before each meeting.

Additional news and information can also be found on the Parish website at [havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk](http://havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk)



### NEXT ISSUE OF MAGAZINE

Our next issue is for August/September 2025. Copy date will be **18th July 2025** and the magazine should be ready for distribution on or around **1st August 2025**.

All contributions welcome. Please pass them to:  
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### CLERK VACANCY

A vacancy for the position of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer has arisen within the Parish Council. The role is up to 15 hours a week which can be worked flexibly.

If you would like to find out more about the role please contact the Clerk on [clerk@havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@havershamlittleinfordpc.gov.uk)



It's hard to believe we're already heading into the second half of the summer term, especially as this has been a particularly short half term with the inclusion of the much-appreciated bank holidays. Despite the shorter weeks, there's been no shortage of energy and excitement. The children have embraced new experiences, built on their learning, and created some wonderful memories along the way.

I can't go on without mentioning the glorious weather we've been treated to in recent weeks. The sunshine has brought a real buzz to the school grounds, and it's been a joy to see the children making the most of our outdoor spaces – whether that's playing, exploring, or simply enjoying the fresh air with friends. I am sure that everyone will agree there is something very special about the way nice weather lifts everyone's spirits.

As I write this, our Year 6 pupils are right in the middle of their SATs week. They've approached each day with a fantastic attitude, showing focus, resilience, and a real determination to do their best. They've truly been great ambassadors for the school, and it makes the staff incredibly proud to see them represent our values so well. To help keep spirits high, Mrs. Adams, our year 6 teacher, has made sure the afternoons are filled with fun and creativity, with the children enjoying a range of art activities after their tests – providing a well-earned chance to relax and unwind. Looking ahead, they have their residential trip to look forward to next half term, which is always a special highlight and a lovely way to celebrate their time at the school.

Our Year 5 children recently returned from their residential trip to Whitemoor

Lakes in Staffordshire, and it's safe to say they had a fantastic time. From high ropes and canoeing to team-building challenges and evening activities, the trip was packed with adventure, laughter, and plenty of memorable moments. It was wonderful to see the children stepping out of their comfort zones, supporting one another, and growing in confidence over the course of the week. Meanwhile, the Year 5 children who remained at school took part in a range of engaging activities linked to their current topic of World War II. They explored life during the war, deepening their understanding through creative and thought-provoking tasks. A big thank you to all the staff who supported both groups and helped make the week such a positive experience for everyone involved.

Mrs. Smith, our dedicated EYFS Teaching Assistant, is currently working on an exciting project to develop a Forest School area within the school grounds. This new outdoor space will offer the children a unique opportunity to explore, learn, and connect with nature in a hands-on way. Mrs. Smith's passion for outdoor learning is driving the project, and she's been putting in a lot of effort to create an environment where children can engage in imaginative play, outdoor activities, and educational experiences. We're also incredibly grateful to the Friends of Haversham School (FOHS) for their generous fundraising efforts, which are helping to bring this vision to life. If we have any tree surgeons, carpenters, or generally

handy individuals within our community, Mrs. Smith would greatly appreciate any volunteers who can lend a hand in making this project a reality.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the school office at:

[office@haversham.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:office@haversham.milton-keynes.sch.uk).

We're all excited to see this area come together, and we know the children will benefit enormously from it.

As always, I would like to extend a big thank you to the staff, as the wider learning experiences provided require extensive planning and preparation. The team has worked tirelessly this half term to ensure the children have a rich and diverse range of enrichment activities that complement and enhance their learning. I'd also like to take this

opportunity to thank all of our parents for their ongoing support and encouragement – it truly makes a difference in helping us create the best possible learning experiences for the children.

Best Wishes

**Mr David Ley**

**and the staff of**

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## BUSY CORNER

### YOUNG PEOPLE OF HAVERSHAM – WHAT'S BEEN KEEPING YOU BUSY?

Are you a young person who has something to share with the village? This page is for YOU. Whether you're 18 months or 18 years old – or anything in between – we want to hear about what you've been up to.

Have you been somewhere amazing on a school trip, day trip, or holiday...

...or achieved something incredible at school or with your sports team?

Have you learnt about a fascinating subject recently...

...or created a masterpiece you're really proud of?

Do you have a hobby you'd like to share...

...a book you'd love to shout about...

...or an impressive idea you just have to impart?

If so, we want to hear from YOU!

Send your write-ups, stories, poems, paintings, photos, craft projects, recipes, reviews

– anything you like – to:

[carol.langham@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk](mailto:carol.langham@havershamlittlelinfordpc.gov.uk)

and we'll publish the best ones in future editions.

Our Busy Bee this edition is Emerald Thurston, aged 2, who decorated this cheerful chap to mark World Bee Day on 20th May.



Bees are vital for a third of the world's food production. Yet they are becoming increasingly endangered. We can help bees by planting their favourite plants, like heather, daisies and red clover, and leaving grass to grow long to give them shelter. You can leave out a small dish with a few pebbles and shallow water to help if a bee is thirsty, or even make a bee hotel.

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**HAVERSHAM MORNING WORSHIP**

After each 11 o'clock service, members of the congregation are invited to stay for refreshments.

**LAMP GROUP CHURCH SERVICES**

Month	Date	Time	Service	Location
June	01 June	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
		11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		6.00pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
	08 June	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford*
		11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Emberton
	15 June	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tyringham
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham
		6.00pm	Evensong	Emberton
	22 June	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford*
		11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		11.00am	Café Church	Emberton
29 June	11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham	
July	06 July	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tyringham
		11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		6.00pm	Something Else on Sunday	Emberton
	13 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Little Linford*
		11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		11.00	Holy Communion	Emberton
	20 July	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tyringham
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Haversham
		6.00pm	Evensong	Emberton
	27 July	9.30am	Holy Communion	Little Linford*
		11.00am	Morning Worship	Haversham
		11.00am	Café Church	Emberton

\*Please note: Because of building work all Little Linford services are taking place in Haversham until further notice.

A few months ago I sat next to a college lecturer who showed me a video of himself teaching a class. 'But it's not me', he said, 'it's an AI avatar'. Honestly, it looked totally real, exactly like him with facial expressions, lips in sync and just amazing. The AI had learnt his voice intonation and visual expressions from a training video he supplied. Thereafter he just typed the text and the avatar spoke it. It was the first time I'd seen this and I could not believe my eyes. Had he not told me that it was produced by an AI engine, I would have sworn it was him. I immediately saw the dangers, what if someone trained an AI to look exactly like me and made a video on YouTube announcing to everyone that I have become an atheist, am divorcing my wife, disinheriting our children and had arrived here from the moon? Very dodgy!

The disciples were incredulous at reports that Jesus was risen. Yes, they had seen Jesus raise people, but they had not previously seen those people die. This was different. Crucifixion was public so they saw it all, it was excruciatingly painful, it was something from which there was no recovery. Eventually, under the weight of their own bodies, the crucified could no longer fill their lungs, and, really, the sooner they died the better for them. So it is no wonder that two Marys, Joanna, Thomas, Cleopas and lots of others could not believe their own eyes when Jesus returns.

Just skim through some social media to find avatars looking exactly like well-known celebrities saying or doing unbelievable things. So what can you believe, if you can't believe your eyes?

Ultimately, we really know people by their 'fruits'. It is how people act, live, give, love and hope, that defines us, not our faces or clothes. Jesus was recognised when he called Mary by name, when he breaks bread, stands on the lake-shore helping, in a bright light inspiring or in a presence that eats fish, in healing and praying. It is him, not because they see a vision, but because they recognised Jesus by what he did. Greater love has no one than that they should die for their friends, said Jesus. That death and resurrection is where I recognise God. It is in the love of others, the beautiful world and a simple meal. It's nothing to do with an old man sitting on a cloud or hearing a thunderous voice. It is God doing and being love. Some of you may have been watching 'Pilgrim' on the BBC. As they travel they tap into some spirituality of grace, goodness and love. That is what defines us, that is what really lives on and on.

So be and do for others. That love and grace is the real smile of your life.

### Adrian

Area Dean and Priest for Haversham, Little Linford, Tyringham and Filgrave

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:

The funeral of Margaret (Marguerite) Mary Cairns was held in St Mary's Church on Monday 28 April 2025, the service conducted by the Rev Adrian Low. In a packed Church Marguerite was brought in to Three Times a Lady by the Commodores. The Eulogy was given by Alan and David and Barbara read the poem 'Miss me but let me go' by Christina Rossetti. Two hymns had been selected – All things bright and beautiful and Abide with Me. The exit music was Vincent by Don McLean. Marguerite was well-known as the family have lived in the village for many years. She was a very talented lady; as well as bringing up a family and running a business, she created many beautiful hand-made items, was an accomplished dancer, quizzer and party organiser. Please continue to hold the family in your prayers.

A big thank you is extended to all who donated money towards the Easter flowers. A total of £105 was raised. The Church looked very joyful with the spring flowers, which not only enhance the surroundings but aid worship and bring glory to God in so many ways.

On 27th April at the parish church in Newport Pagnell 13 candidates from three churches across the Newport Deanery were confirmed by the newly appointed Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt. Rev. Dave Bull. The church was full of family members and friends of the candidates who had come to support them on this special occasion. It was a joyous service followed by lovely refreshments, which gave everyone a chance to mingle and chat with friends and also provided the opportunity for individuals to speak personally with our

new Bishop. A number of people from St. Mary's attended the service in support of Emilia Liddell. Please continue to pray for her on her journey of faith.

On Sunday 18 May St Mary's was visited by young people from the Old School House accompanied by McDonald Guwaza, Support Worker and Carer. The two young people had been busy baking a beautiful selection of cakes and crochet items to raise money for the charity Wellidogs based in Grendon. It was a pleasure to speak with them and to see how much time and effort had gone into the production of the cakes in order to help such a good cause, dedicated to making life easier for strays and unwanted dogs locally from surrounding areas.

**Eco-Tip from Rev. Kimonie:** Cut up your old T-shirts that can no longer be worn and turn them into washable wipes or dusters for kitchen and bathroom surfaces.

With the change in season, the need continues for donations to MK Storehouse. Specifically for new underwear and socks for men, women and children, school shoes for children and school uniforms, children's summer clothes and men's T-shirts. Ladies' summer clothing, specific shortage in sizes 8 and 10. Children's sun hats, bedding and towels.

As we move into the summer months, even the weather seems unpredictable and no-one knows what is round the corner but one thing we can be sure of, that God will be with us in all our circumstances of life.

## NEWS FROM ST PETER'S

St Peter's hosted the LAMP Group Good Friday service and it was encouraging to see so many friends from the other churches. Although some were fasting for Lent, and some who said they were but surreptitiously hoping no-one was looking, most joined in the hot cross buns and coffee afterwards.

We didn't have another service until the weekend of the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day after the solemn days of Lent it was good to see vases of white lilies and Union flags. VE Day bunting adorned the perimeter fence welcoming parishioners to our Communion service.

On the day itself the church was open all afternoon, a large 80th anniversary flag hung from the pulpit, there was a display of WW2 memorabilia, a service

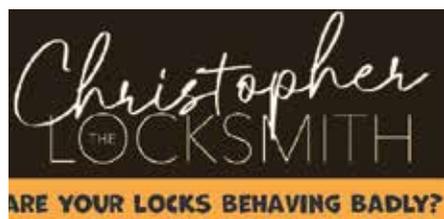
for remembrance and peace was followed by a large selection of cakes and tea. It really was an excellent way to remember the fourteen men who served their country from this small parish together with those from the wider world. As people looked at the display the question on most lips was what would those men celebrating 80years ago think of the UK today. A sobering thought.

A date has now been fixed for Le Tour de Tyringham Cycle Ride. This will be on Saturday 27th September. if anyone would like to assist with selling raffle tickets or marshalling, please contact:

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